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SUBJ: KEKKONEN VISIT TO USSR

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 10778, (B) OSLO 3083, (C) OSLO 226

1. WE READ WITH INTEREST REFTEL ON KEKKONEN VISIT TO USSR AND WERE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSION OF NORDIC ISSUES (REFTEL A, PARA 5) IN WHICH FINNISH POLITICAL COUNSELOR INDICATED THAT SOVIETS DO NOT EXPECT RAPID CONCLUSION OF SVALBARD NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORWEGIANS, ON WHICH, HE SAID, ICEBREAKER SALES DEPEND.

2. WE ARE WONDERING EXACTLY WHICH NEGOTIATIONS FINNISH OFFICIAL WAS REFERRING TO AND WHAT RELATIONSHIP WITH ICEBREAKERS MAY BE. NORWEGIANS AND SOVIETS ARE NOGOTIATING BOUNDARY OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE BARENTS SEA (REFTEL B), BUT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE NO OTHER NEGOTIATIONS NOW IN PROCESS WHICH WOULD AFFECT SVALBARD. THERE ARE HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO NORWAY'S ASSERTION OF ITS CONTROL OVER SVALBARD WHICH ARE NOT UNDER SPECIFIC NEGOTIATION. ONE OF THESE IS THE SOVIET PLAN ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS YEAR (REFTEL C) TO ESTABLISH A FISH FREEZING PLANT AT COLES BAY AND TO STATION TWO TRAWLERS AT BARENTSBERG.  
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NORWEGIANS INDICATED RECENTLY THEY HAD HEARD NO MORE FROM

SOVIETS ON REQUEST. ICEBREAKERS WOULD BE NECESSARY IF SUCH AN  
INSTALLATION WERE SET UP AS FJORDS THERE FREEZE OVER IN WINTER.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION EMBASSY MOSCOW COULD  
OBTAIN ON THE FINNISH REPORT AND ANY ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP  
WHICH MIGHT HELP US PURSUE THE QUESTION FURTHER HERE.  
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